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LONDON, *February 9.*

THE following account was left at our office yesterday by a gentleman of acknowledged probity and honour, and who vouches in the most solemn manner for the truth of it.

Yesterday morning, between the hours of three and four, a gentleman in passing through St. Martin's Lane was seized by four men near the church, who presenting pistols to his breast, and threatening him with instant death if he made any noise or resistance, obliged him to go into a coach which appeared to be in waiting. They then tied an handkerchief over his eyes, and in that situation, after driving through many streets, he was brought to a house, where the furniture and every appurtenance indicated the greatest magnificence and splendour. One of the parties, as soon as the gentleman was in the room, took the handkerkhief from his eyes and repeating his charge not to make any noise, left him for near an hour, during which he heard in the adjoining appartment, a number of voices, as if in earnest debate. At last a gentleman came and informed him, that the persons concerned in this business were of the first rank, and that it was of the most important consequence, but that although they imagined their intelligence right, they had mistaken the person, the gentleman now taken, appearing, upon investigation, not to be him whom they wanted. He made many apologies for their conduct, and also that they could not send him away for some hours, but offered wine, and many other refreshments, with a bed, which the gentleman, being much fatigued, accepted. In the morning an elegant breakfast was provided by candle-light, the shutters of the bedchamber being kept close, after which the gentleman was again blindfolded, and conducted, he thinks, by a back passage, to a coach, which in about twenty minutes stopped, and the handkerchief being taken from his eyes, he was set down in Oxford-street, so confounded and astonished at this strange adventure, that he had not power to utter a syllable, till the coach which was driven off with great rapidity, was quite out of sight.

KINGSTON, *(Jamaica,) May 2.*

On the 15th of March, a Spanish squadron appeared off Rattan consisting of two ships of the line, a frigate and 19 sail of transports. The batteries of Port-Royal harbour were attacked the same day, and on the 17th the place surrendered, the garrison and inhabitants made prisoners of war, the batteries, magazines, and public stores demolished, the houses burnt and the settlement totally destroyed. On the 23d the Spanish squadron went over to Truxillo bay, and landed a body of troops, who marched through the country to the British settlements at Black-river, which experienced the same unmanly and cruel devastation.

PARKER'S FERRY, *(S. Carolina,) May 22.*

On the 19th instant was brought into the port of Jacksonsburgh, a schooner from Charles-town bound to Savannah, with a cargo of dry goods on board, which by the invoice is valued at between 6 and 7000 pounds sterling, she was taken by the enterprising capt. Jenkins, and his company of Edisto militia, in a manner that does honour to himself and the men under his command. Capt. Jenkins observing a vessel standing close in with the land, off Edisto inlet, and several others at some distance in chase of her, manned his boats and went down to her protection, supposing her to be some vessel intended for some of our inlets; but on his approaching her, she endeavoured to stand out to sea again, which at once convinced him of his error: he therefore plied his oars so effectually as to bring him along side of her in a very little time, when he instantly boarded her, and brought her off, in sight of all his competitors.

May 29. On the 21st instant general Wayne receiving intelligence of the enemy being out in force from Savannah, at or near Harris's-bridge on the great Ogeechee road, seven miles from town, put in motion a party of troops. The only route to the enemy's position, was through a tremendous swamp, of near four miles extent, with many deep and dangerous morasses to pass; however the experience and gallantry of the officers, and the steady bravery of the troops surmounted every difficulty, and at 12 o'clock at night brought them in sight of the enemy, who were discovered advancing in close good order: notwithstanding this circumstance and the great disparity of numbers, (our rear being yet at a considerable distance) our small van guard consisting of lieut. col. Posey's light company under capt. Parker, and a few dragoons under capt. Hughes, and lieut. Boyer, conducted by col. White, charged with such vivacity, as (without the use of powder) to put to a shameful rout the whole of the enemy's force, amounting to 4 or 500 men under col. Brown. The most impenetrable thick woods, deep swamps and morasses, into which they plunged, and the cover of the night, secured them from total ruin. The enemy had about 50 killed, a few wounded, and a number of officers taken, among the latter is lieut. col. Douglass, said to be dangerously wounded. Between 20 and 30 dragoon horses fell into our hands, and a great number are yet straggling in the swamps without riders, and such is the dispersed state of both dragoons and infantry, that they continue dropping in by twos and threes every day, mostly disarmed.

Our loss on this occasion amounts only to five killed and two wounded.

Yesterday 50 of the enemy's horse under the command of major Frazer, surrounded the house of Mr. Ralph Izard, jun. Mr. Izard effected his escape while they were busy in plundering his lady of her rings and other jewelry.

Capt. Armstrong of col. Lee's corps, and capt. Gill of col. Moyland's dragoons, fell in with this party returning with their plunder, and took one commissioned officer, one sergeant, and eight men prisoners, and also eleven horses. Our party had two men supposed to be mortally wounded. Col. Lawrens we hear is still below them, and it is hoped will give a further account of them.

SALEM, *(New England,) June 6.*

Among the many gallant actions which have distinguished the commanders of American ships, during the present war, that lately fought by captain Tittle, in the ship Cato, was one of the most brilliant, notwithstanding what is said under the New-York head, he had but 12 six pounders and 35 men. With this small force he greatly damaged, and finally beat off, three privateers, which, to say the least, were three times his strength. This brave officer (who belongs to Beverly) has, together with his officers and crew, the thanks of his owners, and the applause of the public.

Since our last arrived in a safe port, a prize sloop of about 90 tons, with a cargo consisting of 100 pipes of wine, and 500 boxes of fruit. She was bound from St. Michael's to New-York, and was captured by captain Neill, in the privateer brig Fox, of this port.

BOSTON, *June 13.*

A schooner of the king of France, la Levrette, arrived in this port last Monday night from Cape François after a passage of 21 days. We learn by her that the combined fleet commanded by the marquis de Vaudreuil and Don Solano was to sail the 25th of May from that place amounting to 45 ships of the line in good condition, to convoy beyond the capes 306 sail of merchantmen going to France. The troops assembled at St. Domingo make up 20,000 men commanded by Don Galvez and the marquis St. Simon. There destination was still a secret.

Two days before the departure of the king's schooner advice was brought to the Cape, by a cutter, the Pandour which came from Brest, that the count Guichen commanding a fleet of French and Spanish ships had intercepted off Cape Finistre, an English convoy of 100 transports with five frigates, and three ships of the line. This news was announced at the Cape the 18th of May, by the discharge of cannon from the forts. The marquis de Bouille, his lady and Mr. Bougainville had sailed for France, on board the Medea.

In pursuance to a recommendation of the honourable congress of the United States to his excellency the governor, yesterday was observed for the celebration of the birth of the dauphin of France. The day was ushered in by the ringing of bells, discharging of cannon, &c. but the necessity of putting the paper early to press, prevents our gratifying our readers with the particulars of the rejoicings which were continued in the evening, by a brilliant display of fire-works from a stage in the common, illuminations, &c.

On Tuesday last was descried in the Sound, a fleet of the enemy, consisting of about 20 sail, with a frigate in their van and another in their rear. Mischief it is thought is intended some where. They were standing east with a light breeze. They consisted of large brigs, schooners, and sloops, and it is supposed they have 1500 or 2000 troops (or as many refugees bound for Halifax, Canada, or Penobscot) on board.

We have since heard they have been at anchor in Holmes's Hole.

SPRINGFIELD, *(Massachusetts,) June 4.*

On Friday last a certain person appearing in a public house in this town, and offering to serve in the continental army for the term of three years, was enlisted by the name of Samuel Smith, and on the same day was presented to the officer of this post for mustering. After many enquiries and very minute examination, this adventurer (although fully dressed in man's apparel) was discovered to be of the female sex, and soon after conducted to gaol. This discovery prevented the payment of eighty dollars bounty, which she was to have received for her promised services, after having been duly mustered. Since her confinement her accounts of herself have been many and various; at one time she asserts this to be the first scrape the devil ever led her into; at another, that she has been a soldier and in actual service for three months, undiscovered. It is known, however, that her real name is Anne Smith, originally from Ashford in Connecticut, and lately from Ashfield in this state. It appears also, that our heroine began this route with stealing a horse at Ashfield, that she swopped him for another at Northampton, sold the last to a tavern keeper, about five miles from this, for a dram, a dinner, and an old coat. She acted the man so perfectly well through the whole, that she might probably have passed, had not the want of a beard and the redundance of some other matters led to a detection.

NEW-HAVEN, *June 13.*

The fleet mentioned in our last, being joined by four frigates, off the west end of Fisher's-Island, were on Thursday last, at three o'clock, afternoon, seen standing to the eastward.

NEWPORT, *June 8.*

We have good authority to inform the public, that Sir Guy Carleton hath declared, since his arrival at New-York, that he had no authority to acknowledge the independence of these states, nor withdraw the British fleets and armies, and that he hoped in God he never should.

Yesterday morning passed this harbour, bound to the eastward, a British fleet, consisting of upwards of 30 sail, for the purpose, it is said, of taking stock off the Vineyard, &c.

NEW-LONDON, *June 14.*

Wednesday returned into port, the brig Hancock, captain Lodowick Champlain, and brought in the brig Thetis, Peter Robinson, late master, which he captured on Monday evening near the Hook. She had left New-York the same day, bound to Charles-town laden with various articles of merchandise, as tea, wine, dry goods, soap, candles, &c.

We learn by the prisoners taken in the above brig, that 30 sail of empty transports lately sailed from New-York, bound, as it was thought, to Charles-town.

PROVIDENCE, *June 8.*

Five ships that had been cruising off Block Island, went up the Sound on Wednesday, and it is said joined the fleet off New-London.

We this morning learn, that the above fleet, consisting of 25 sail, passed by the harbour of Newport yesterday morning, steering towards the eastern Sound, where it is supposed they are bound on a plundering expedition.

ALBANY, *June 10.*

We are informed from good authority, that several small parties of Indians and tories have lately made their appearance at the head of the Mohawk-river, and have killed some of the inhabitants, burnt several buildings, and carried off about a dozen prisoners, including men, women, and children.

PHILADELPHIA, *June 25.*

Extract of a letter from an American gentleman at Nantes (late a prisoner in England) to his friend in Philadelphia, dated April 15, 1782.

"I have been eight months in Ireland, and am now here on my return home. You might reasonably suppose that I run a great risque of being apprehended, staying so long in Ireland; but I do assure you, that I met with particular protection, not only from relations, but I may venture to say from the public; being under no more restraint than I am at present in France; so great is their affection for the Americans, particularly the volunteers.

"A great revolution has lately taken place in England, by a total change in the ministry, which is now composed of the late minority: what the consequences will be, the most able politicians here are not able to determine.

"By letters received here to day from England we have advice, that the Irish parliament has declared their right of forming and passing their own laws independent of the British parliament: also, that 16,000 of the volunteers, from different parts of the country, had marched into Dublin, and obliged what regular troops were there (consisting of two regiments of foot and one of horse) to go out of town and take their quarters in the country, being determined to support the parliament in their resolutions. This I do not doubt, having during my stay in that country a perfect knowledge of the sentiments of a great number of the volunteers, who are composed of the best men in the country."

ANNAPOLIS, *July 4.*

Extract of a letter, dated Head Quarters, Ebenezer, Georgia, May 26, 1782.

"General Wayne, with our little army, amounting to 350 horse and infantry, totally routed and put to flight 480 British and Hessian cavalry and foot; without firing a shot. The darkness of the season saved from total destruction the whole army. They fled into a swamp, and remained up to their waists in water till the ensuing evening; when he [illegible] was detached from the garrison to sustain the [illegible] retreat. Their loss is 40 dragoon horses, a few of which are killed, the others in our possession; twenty prisoners, as many put to the sword and bayonet; among the first a colonel of the

British militia, and among the latter several officers and volunteers of family. Our loss is four continentals killed. This affair has totally put a stop to their excursory operations, from which the inhabitants have suffered hitherto. It is reduced to a certainty, that an evacuation is determined, and the period for its taking place is not far distant."

Prince-George's county, June 23, 1782.

On Monday the 15th of July next will be exposed to sale, on the premises, to the highest bidder, for cash, one half the purchase money to be paid down, and the remainder on the 25th day of December next,

THAT valuable and well known farm at the mouth of the eastern branch of Patowmack river called Gusborough, late in the possession of Mr. John Hawkins, deceased, together with the slaves, stock, &c. Bond with good security will be required for the annual payment of the rent.

Also will be sold, at the same time and place, some horses, hogs, black cattle, and houshold furniture. The above farm will be sold with the crop now growing on it, and immediate possession given, except the dwelling house, kitchen, garden, and yard. w2

All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those who have claims against the said estate are requested to bring them in as soon as may be.

WILLIAM BAYLY, administrator.

To be sold by public vendue, at the town of Vienna, in Dorchester county, eastern shore of Maryland, on Saturday the 3d of August,

THAT valuable tract or parcel of land called Hardputt, containing eight hundred and thirty-six acres more or less, situate on the east side of Transquakin river, and near the mouth, one third of which is high land and swamp, twenty-five or thirty acres of which are cleared, with several improvements, all which are in good repair; the land is remarkably fertile, well timbered, and conveniently situated for farming, with fish, oysters, wild fowl, and every other convenience that can make life agreeable; the remaining two thirds marsh, all of which may easily be converted into cultivatable land; the whole to be sold for specie, one third of which to be paid within twenty days from the sale, the remainder at two annual payments, with bond and security; an indisputable title will be granted to the purchaser, and possession granted the first day of January next. An accurate plot of the land may be seen on the day of sale.

WILLIAM WHELAND.

Annapolis, June 26, 1782.

ALL persons indebted to me on bond, are hereby requested to discharge the same, or pay the accrued interest thereon and renew their obligations; those indebted on open accounts are also requested to discharge the same, or give bond, if not convenient to pay now.

WANTED, in the general court office, a young man who writes a good record hand, and would be diligent in business; one who has some knowledge of the mode of proceedings in a county clerk's office would be most agreeable; proper encouragement will be given.

THOMAS B. HODGKIN.

Charles county, June 17, 1782.

I HAVE in my custody, committed as a runaway, a negro man who says his name is BOATSWAIN, and that he belongs to a certain Patrick M'Dunnit of Montgomery county. His master is desired to pay charges and take him away. tf

BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. sheriff.

Greenbury's Point, June 3, 1782.

To be LEASED for a term of years,

A PLANTATION opposite to the city of Annapolis, commonly called Beaman's Fort, containing 350 acres, with some negroes. There are on the premises, a good dwelling house with four rooms and a good cellar, a large dairy, corn house, quarter, tobacco house, and some other improvements; some excellent meadow ground, which may, with very little trouble, be laid down in grass next spring; the person to whom it is rented may have liberty to sow 50 bushels of wheat this fall, or that quantity will be sowed, as may be agreed upon; it is a very pleasant situation and has a great advantage in being so nigh to Annapolis market, which I reckon the best on the continent to those who have any thing to sell. For terms apply to tf

DAVID KERR.

June 26, 1782.

To be sold at public vendue, on Thursday the 25th day of July, at the house of Catharine Lusby, in Anne-Arundel county,

PART of a tract of land called Lugg-Ox, containing by estimation one hundred and forty-one acres, more or less, situated in the county aforesaid on Patuxent river; the above land lies level, and is well wooded and watered. Credit will be given for two thirds of the purchase money on giving bond and security. The sale to begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. w3

JOSEPH WELLS.

June 19, 1782.

TAKEN up this morning, by Samuel Moss, between Keely's and Hacket's points, a boat about twelve feet long, has a ring-bolt in her head and stern, has lately had new gunwales on her sides. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges. w3

Office for confiscated estates, Annapolis, June 22, 1782.

PURSUANT to several acts of the last session of the general assembly, will be sold at public auction, the property herein described, on the days, at the places, and on the terms herein mentioned, viz.

At George-town, on Wednesday the 24th of July next, a tract of land called Piney-grove, containing 200 acres, which belonged to Cunningham, Finlay, and company; a tract called Free Bottom, containing 100 acres, which belonged to William Tipple; also the lands of Dunlap and son, and company, all lying in Montgomery county. Purchasers to give bond to pay one third of the sum bid in specie in thirty days, another third in two years, and the remaining third in three years from the day of sale.

At the same time and place will be sold, a valuable house and lot in George-town, which belonged to Dunlap and son. Bond to be given for the payment of one third in specie in six weeks, another third in twelve weeks, and the remaining third in six, eight, or ten months, as may be declared on the day of sale.

At Frederick-town, on Monday the 29th of July, a tract of land called Part of Brook's Discovery, in Tawney-town hundred, containing 615 acres, which belonged to James Somerville; a tract called Discovery, in lower Monocacy hundred, containing 130 acres; another tract called Addition to Discovery, containing 80 acres, and a tract of 100 acres, called Long Hope, late the property of Philip Barton Key; also the ground rents of the lots in Frederick town which belonged to Daniel Dulany, son of Daniel; terms as last mentioned; one third to be paid in six weeks, another third in twelve weeks, &c.

At the same time and place will be sold, all the lands of Daniel Dulany, of Daniel, and Henry Addison, in Frederick county, which were left unsold at the former sale made by the commissioners; terms as herein before mentioned; one third to be paid in thirty days, another third in two years, &c.

At Elizabeth-town in Washington county, on Monday the 5th of August next, a tract of land called Cobler's Hall, containing 100 acres, late the property of Fotterall's heirs; and a tract which belonged to Peter and Engle Gentzberger, containing 80 acres, on the terms last mentioned.

At Baltimore town, on the same terms, on Tuesday 30th of July next, the lower part of Whetstone point, where the fort stands, to be laid off into convenient lots; a tract of 200 acres in Baltimore county, called Hill's Forest, late the property of Nathaniel Richardson; and a tract of 250 acres, called Greyhound Forest, late the property of James French.

At Harford-town, on the same terms, on Friday the 2d of August next, a tract of 120 acres in Harford county, called Stoney Ridge, which belonged to James Christie.

At Charles-town, in Cæcil county, on the same terms, on Monday the 5th of August next, a few unimproved lots in said town.

At Port-tobacco, on Saturday the 27th of July next, the lot and houses which belonged to Alexander Cunningham and company; terms as herein before mentioned; one third in six weeks, another third in twelve weeks, &c.

At Upper Marlborough, on Tuesday the 30th of July next, on the same terms, the lots and houses there situated, which belonged to James Russell; also the lots and houses in Nottingham, in Prince Georges's county, which belonged to the said James Russell.

At Bladensburg, on Saturday the 3d of August next, on the same terms, the lots and houses which belonged to George and Andrew Buchanan, and to James Brown and company.

All persons claiming any right, title, or interest, to the said property, or any part thereof, or having debts against the late owners thereof, or any of them, are requested to make known the same, legally authenticated, to the commissioners, before the day of sale. If on any of the foregoing days of sale there should happen to be very bad weather, the sale will be held the next fair day.

By order, JO. BAXTER, clk.

Washington county, June 13, 1782.

By authority vested in me by an act of assembly passed last session, will be exposed to public sale, on Friday the 6th day of September next,

TWO houses and lots in the town of Skipton, Washington county, belonging to the estate of John Whaley, late of said county, deceased, to enable me to discharge the claims against said estate.

MARTIN HARRY, administrator.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I intend to apply to the next general assembly for an act to confirm the last will and testament of Nathaniel Lane, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased.

JOHN LANE.

Maryland, Charles county, Patowmack river, opposite Hooe's ferry, May 10, 1782.

THE subscriber, having furnished himself with good sailing boats for the purpose of ferrying travellers over Patowmack river to Hooe's landing or the brick house at the mouth of Machodock creek, or any other landing in Virginia they chuse to be put to; and as travellers have for some years past complained of their suffering for want of a proper house of entertainment being kept at said ferry, he begs leave to inform the public that he has furnished himself with every necessary for that purpose; he solicits the custom of those gentlemen who travel that way, and assures them he will do all in his power to deserve the favour of the public.

THOMAS REEDER, jun.

To be SOLD,

A LOT of ground of one whole acre in the city of Annapolis, with a tan yard thereon, and several valuable improvements, lying on a good landing. This lot of ground I look on as the most valuable lot in the city to a man of real business, being so well adapted for the businesses of distilling, brewing, or sugar-baking, tanning, &c. &c. the springs are numerous and the water excellent.

Likewise an elegant brick house adjoining the church circle, in a dry and healthy part of the city, this house is 100 feet front, 3 story high, has 20 fire places, the rooms are mostly large and well finished, and is one of the first houses in the state for a house of entertainment, for which purpose it was originally intended, but may very well serve for two tenements. Any person inclining to purchase one or both the aforesaid premises may know the terms of sale by applying to

THOMAS HYDE.

N. B. All persons who have formerly had dealings with me, and their accounts are not yet settled, I hope will call at my house in Annapolis and discharge the same, or close their accounts by passing notes or bonds for their balances, and those who are indebted by any written obligation, are desired to discharge the same, or pay the interest and renew their obligations to their humble servant T. H.

Maryland, Intendant's office, March 1, 1782.

ALL persons indebted to this state for monies advanced for carrying on manufactures and not accounted for, or on any other contract, or for the collection of any branch of the revenue, are desired without loss of time to settle their accounts and discharge the balances that may be due, otherwise suits will be commenced against those who neglect to comply with this requisition.

All persons having claims against the state on certificates, unsettled accounts, or otherwise, are requested to bring them in to be adjusted. Officers who have received money from the executive for the recruiting service, and with which they are charged on the auditor's books, are desired to settle their acconnts.

DANIEL OF ST. THOMAS JENIFER, intendant.

Anne-Arundel county, May 4, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to make application to the general assembly at their next meeting, for a law empowering him to take into his possession and custody, as trustee, the estate real and personal of George Shipley, sen. of Anne-Arundel county, who hath been in a state of lunacy for nine years past, and incapable of taking care of and managing his affairs, and to dispose of such part thereof as will be sufficient to discharge the debts due and owing by the said George Shipley, sen. w3

GEORGE SHIPLEY, jun.

Dorchester county, May 10, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to apply to the next general assembly, for an act empowering him to clear a road from his dwelling plantation, whereon he is now erecting a windmill, to the road leading from the main road opposite to Charles Beckwith's, to capt. Edward Noels. w8

NATHANIEL MANNING.

CAME to the plantation of J. Hawkins, near Upper Marlborough, some time last summer, a small black mare, about four or five years old, paces and gallops, no perceivable brand, a small star in her forehead, and a small white spot on her side, a switch mane and tail. The owner may have her again on proving property and paying charges.

Maryland, Charles county, Patowmack river, opposite Hooe's-ferry, June 27, 1782.

VARIOUS misrepresentations and falsehoods having been lately circulated, with design to injure the old established ferry kept by the subscriber, she begs leave to inform those who shall hereafter favour her with their custom, that she is furnished with three good sailing boats, two of which are well calculated for carriages and horses, and the third for foot passengers; and that her boats are attended by six able and experienced hands, so that a passage may always be had with the greatest safety and expedition. The subscriber farther informs those to whom it may be necessary (notwithstanding malicious insinuations to the contrary) that she has a house as well calculated for the accommodation of travellers, and will afford them as good entertainment, as they can meet with in any ferry house on Patowmack. w4

ELIZABETH YOUNG.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber intends to prefer a petition to the next general assembly of the state of Maryland, for a road or pass-way from his house in Snowhill-town to the main street, of which all persons concerned are to take notice.

JOHN M'MULLEN.

June 28, 1782.

WHEREAS Abigail the wife of me the subscriber, living on the Head of Severn, has eloped from my bed and board, without any just provocation, this is to forewarn all persons from harbouring her or trusting her on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debts she may contract after the date hereof, and to prosecute any person who may harbour or conceal her. She was seen on the way to Annapolis, and probably may be concealed there. w3

PHILIP SMITH.

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